

CONVENTION-1979: Raymond Edward Johnson will be at our next convention October 20th, 1979 at the Bridgeport Holiday Inn. He will be Raymond, the host, reading "The Hairiest and scariest in Mystery and Horror." (You'll know it when you hear it.)...We are offering a special cassette. It contains Raymond Edward Johnson's Shakespeare readings on one side. The other side has the show MURDER AT MIDNIGHT "Ape Song" starring Raymond E Johnson. If you want it please send \$4.00 to Raymond Edward Johnson, 24 East Side Terrace, Wallingford, Ct 06492. Allow 2-3 weeks for delivery. The convention tape which you can get from Joe Webb as I mentioned last month does not contain Raymond's Shakespeare readings.

A PERSONAL NOTE: I hope all of you have a very happy holiday season and that 1979 will be your best year yet.

IN FOND MEMORY: David Robison, 67, Nov 30; radio, TV and film writer...Bill Bates, Nov 21; composer, arranger, and producer of radio and TV commercials...Barney Slater, 55, Nov 29; film and TV writer...Vin Bogert, 64, Nov 28; radio and TV writer; DUFFEY'S TAVERN, GARRY MOORE SHOW, ALL IN THE FAMILY, CAROL BURNETT SHOW...Andre Morrell, 69; British character actor...Richard Kelton, 27, 38; TV actor. QUARK, CENTENNIAL...Walter J McGraw 2d, 59, Nov 18; writer, director, producer mainly in radio and mostly documentaries...Kate Harrington, 75, Nov 23; stage, film and TV actress...Frank Rosolino, 52, Nov 26; Jazz trombonist...George Owen, 63, Nov 12; trumpet player in various big bands...Claude Dauphin, 75, Nov 16; French film and stage actor; ...Florence Marly, 59, Nov 9; film actress...Robert Alan Aurthur, 56, Nov 20; writer for 30 years, mainly for television...James Nottingham Jr, 53, Nov 16; Jazz and radio-TV trumpet player...Joe Wong, 75, Nov 9; actor, comedian and singer...Lennie Tristano, 59, Nov 18; pianist; one of the great improvisors in jazz...Lee Morris, 66, Oct 18; songwriter...Max Gordon, 86, Nov 2; Broadway producer...Marian Winters, 54, Nov 3; Broadway actress...Linda Scott, 28, Nov 10; country and western singer...Norman Rockwell, 84, Nov 8; artist who was considered the foremost interpreter of Americana...Lou Gilbert, 69, Nov 6; character actor...Howard Swanson, 71, Nov 12; composer...Flora Campbell, 67, Nov 6; Broadway, radio and TV actress; Radio credits: VALIANT LADY, LORA LAWTON, EVELYN WINTERS, BRAVE TOMCROW...Adrienne Marden, 69, Nov 9; actress and director...Miguelito Valdez, 62, Nov 9; singer. Introduced "Babalu"...Gene Archer, 65, Oct 4; staff singer and announcer for NBC.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED: WORLD OF YESTERDAY; Oct 78; Articles on Mel Blanc and Lone Ranger. more information on Mel Blanc that I have ever seen...THE BIG BANDWAGON; Nov 78; articles; Vaughn Monroe, Earl Fatha Hines, Ray Noble...RETURN WITH US NOW (Col. Club) Nov 78; article; comedians on SUSPENSE...AIRWAVES; May 78; articles; NBC Blue network and Pioneer RT-707 deck...MASS MEDIA BOOKNOTES, Nov 78; many book reviews including WHAT'S MY LINE: THE INSIDE STORY OF TV'S MOST FAMOUS PANEL SHOW by Gil Fates; Prentice Hall; Englewood Cliffs, NJ; \$9.95...NOSTALGIA RADIO NEWS; Nov 78; article on Joe Penner...ILLUSTRATED PRESS (Buffalo Club) Nov 78; article on ET's...SPERDVAC BULLETIN; Nov 78...IT'S NOT JUST NOSTALGIA: published by the Western New York Popular Culture Society (Richard Hurst, 25 Nottingham St, Buffalo, NY 14216) article on the Bridgeport convention by Chuck Seeley...COLLECTOR'S CORNER; Nov 78; contains many pictures and news-



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paper articles about the Bridgeport convention...ON THE AIR (Maryland Club) Jan 79; articles from different clubs and newsletter editors. also a FORT LARAMIE log.

BOOKS: THE GREAT SONGS OF MADISON AVENUE: ed, by Peter and Craig Norbach; Quadrangle Pub. New York Times Books; \$7.95. contains over 100 musical commercials with melody, lyrics, composers, etc.

NEW SHOWS: Bruce Ruggles, Box 1256, North Bay, Ontario P1B 8K5; has picked up 12 78 albums each holding 12 Bing Crosby classics on Brunswick, Columbia and Decca in mint condition. Willing to sell for best offer BUT you have to pick them up-will not mail...Bob Barbagelott, 3475 Azalea Garden Rd #7, Norfolk, Va 23513 found 36 AFRTS 12" discs including 5 YTY DOLLAR, 1BROADWAY 13 MY BEAT and 1 OBSESSION.

LISTINGS: Within 2 weeks I will have a supplement to my Jack Benny listings I put out in 1972 with a supplement in 1975. This update will contain all Benny's I've received since Feb 1975. Since I collect all J Benny shows that are available this should be a help for dating shows. This update will contain most of the AFRTS dated shows that appeared about 2 years ago with the correct broadcast dates. If you want the whole thing send a SASE with 2 stamps. If you just want the latest supplement send a SASE with 1 stamp.

NEWS OF THE PAST: by Ed Carr: 1937 was the year of the formation of the American Federation of Radio Artists known as AFRA. It is an Autonomous union that takes in all radio talent except musicians. ...In 1944 a Book of Radio War plays compiled and edited by Arch Oboler and Stephen Longstreet was published by Random House called Free World Theater.

THE TAPE DECK: I would like to take another survey. I hope you will take the time to answer these few questions. The results will be helpful to all of you...1. What are you paying for reel to reel tape...2. What brand are you buying...3. Where are you buying it...4. Are you experiencing any difficulty in buying tape..(If you wish you can also answer the same questions for cassettes). Several collectors have had trouble in finding sources of reasonably priced reel tape since more people are buying cassettes. I hope those of you who buy in bulk, especially those who sell shows, will answer.

NEW ADDRESSES: Jack Burgess, Box 186, Ostrander, Minn 55961. Jack and I were both born on Nov 25, 1934...Hugh Hadden, 206 West Main, Tipp City, OH 45371...Jerry Chapman, 900 Elmwood, Wilmette, IL 60091.

HERE AND THERE: New Friends; Michael Sprout, 5199 Winlane Dr, Bloomfield Hills, Mich 48013.

Old Friends: Frank Gilmore (new address) Box 4545 GGS, Springfield, Mo 65804, after finding out that none of Springfield's 12 radio stations had ever had a locally produced drama aired, did one himself. It was called THE MADNESS DUST. Frank wrote it, directed it, did all the sound effects and was one of the 9 actors. It was very well received and Frank was asked to do a Christmas show for one of the stations...Mark Dereng, 6701 Edgebrook Ter, Chicago, Ill 60646 wants RAILROAD HOUR "Babes in Toyland" with Gordon MacRae...Bill Blacklock, 1614 Dawson, Richland, Wa 99352 has 1000 reels of 2400' 1/2" computer tape for sale. Tape is 1.5 mil. Cost is \$250 and weighs about

5000 pounds. Buyer must pick up. Also Bill would like to buy a tape splitter that would split such tape...Ed Carr, 216 Shaner St, Boyertown, Pa 19512 has found a number of BBC discs called 30-minute Theater and Guilty Party plus others. Would like any information on them and whether they are in circulation...Art Chimes, 919 Saint Paul St, Baltimore, Md 21202 wants to trade for several reels of GUNSMOKE in mint condition. Let him know what you want...Lynn Lichty, RR2, Antwerp, OH 45813 would like to complete his sets of nostalgia magazines entitled REMEMBER WHEN and NOSTALGIA NEWS. What is their current status.

RADIO IS ALIVE AND WELL: Frank Bresee gave a moving tribute to Bret Morrison at his funeral. If you want a copy of it send me a SASE...Sears Radio Theater is in full swing. It starts Feb 5th and has three of its 5 hosts. It will broadcast gothic horror (Vincent Price), comedy (Andy Griffith), adventure (Richard Widmark), westerns and romance on different nights. Henry Morgan who now lives in Cape Cod will write and star in three of the comedy dramas. Elliot Lewis is executive producer. New York City area has much radio drama. CBS RADIO MYSTERY THEATER is on WNEW each night at 8:00. NBR plans to introduce next spring dramatizations of stories by F Scott Fitzgerald. It will be a mini-series of 8 one-hour shows. They were produced at National Radio Theater in Chicago...WMCA in New York is rebroadcasting CROSBY, BENNY, AND BURNS & ALLEN from 6:30-8:00 on Sat and Sun...WBAL-FM, with programs supplied by Max Schmid, has old-time radio on Sat at 11:00pm and Mon-Fri at 7pm...WNYC-AM began NBC SHORT STORY on Sat, Dec 2 at 3:30pm and NBC UNIVERSITY THEATER on Thur Dec 7 at 8:30pm...WVHC-FM, the Hofstra Univ station in Hempstead, long Island already presents UNIVERSITY THEATER Mon & Fri at 8pm...WGHC in Greenwich, Ct broadcasts various shows Mon-Fri at 7:30 pm.....Bob Hope will receive Distinguished Communications Medal at 10th Ave Lincoln Awards next year. Presentation under auspices of Southern Baptist Radio-TV Commission, is awarded annually to distinguished broadcaster by Dr. Paul M. Stevens, commission president...Gene Autry and screen and radio sidekick Pat Buttram got together for a few belts of nostalgia at recent Pacific Pioneer Broadcasters luncheon at Sportsman's Lodge in Los Angeles. The Pioneers were honoring Pat Buttram...Jack Cripe and Fred Korb are still producing old-time radio shows on WXFM in Chicago from 7-9:30 am, Mon-Fri...Carl Greyson is hosting a 2-hour weekly parade of old-time radio shows on WGN, Chicago on Sundays at 2 pm. Carl Greyson was one of the actors on HALL OF FANTASY which originated many years ago from the studios of WGN...You can see old-time radio in Los Angeles on Tuesdays in the Tin Pan Alley Room of the nonprofit Variety Arts Theater, an emporium founded last year by magician Milt Larsen to preserve the best of the past in variety entertainment. They are performed by the Variety Arts Radio Theater 10-member troupe. All the scripts are originals, transcribed from tapes of 5000 radio shows belonging to Roger Rittner, an old-time radio buff and director of the never-aired radio shows.

This completes my 9th year with old-time radio and its many friends. Thank you all.

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